

Wednesday, June 18, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 17 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S5893–S5949**

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and one resolution, as follows: S. 929–936, and S. Res. 102.

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**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 797, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize the design and construction of additions to the parking garage and certain site improvements. (S. Rept. No. 105–30)

S. 858, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

S. 936, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Denial of Veterans' Benefits:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 923, to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses and, by a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 106), the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Specter Amendment No. 414, to limit convictions to Federal capital offenses.

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**Drug-Free Communities Act:** Senate passed H.R. 956, to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to establish a program to support and encourage local communities that first demonstrate a comprehensive, long-term commitment to reduce substance abuse among youth, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Frank M. Hull, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S5949**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—106) **Page S5924**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 6:24 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 19, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5947.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORT POLICY

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee concluded hearings to examine United States agricultural trade policy issues and the importance of trade to U.S. economic prosperity, after receiving testimony from Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Foreign Operations approved for full committee consideration